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1. ATMOSPHERICS:

-- GOVERNMENT SUSPENDED FOR ONE YEAR MONTHLY MAGAZINE
TAIWAN POLITICAL REVIEW, WHICH HAD PUBLISHED ONLY FIVE
ISSUES SINCE LAST AUGUST, FOR CARRYING ARTICLE WHICH
DISCUSSED IDEA OF REVOLUTION OR UNION WITH MAINLAND REGIME.
GROUP OF 35 LEGISLATORS SIMULTANEOUSLY URGED GOVERNMENT
CLAMPDOWN ON VIEWS THAT OVERSTEP PROVISIONS OF LAW AND
ALLEGEDLY PROVIDE GRIST FOR PEKING UNITED FRONT TACTICS
AND OTHER SUBVERSIVE PLOTS. ARTICLE WHICH APPARENTLY
TRIGGERED ACTION APPEARED IN DECEMBER 1975 ISSUE,
WRITTEN BY PROFESSOR CHIU CHUI-LIANG OF QUEENSLAND
UNIVERSITY IN AUSTRALIA.

-- MEANWHILE, PREMIER CHIANG CHING-KUO WAS QUOTED BY
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THE MEDIA AS TELLING TAIWAN PROVINCIAL GOVERNMENT

OFFICIALS TO REMAIN ALERT AGAINST COMMUNIST EFFORTS TO
UNDERMINE INTERNAL UNITY. ACCORDING ENGLISH-LANGUAGE
CHINA NEWS HE SAID: "THE COMMUNISTS HAVE TRIED IN VAIN
TO HARASS US DIPLOMATICALLY AND TO THREATEN US MILITARILY.
FROM NOW ON WE MUST BE PARTICULARLY ON GUARD AGAINST
CHINESE COMMUNIST DIVISIVE TACTICS AND INFILTRATION
AIMING AT UNDERCUTTING OUR INTERNAL UNITY."

-- KMT'S OFFICIAL CENTRAL DAILY NEWS (270,000), COMMENTING
ON TAIWAN POLITICAL REVIEW CASE, SAID: "FOR THE SAKE OF
NATIONAL SECURITY AND SOCIAL ORDER, THE GOVERNMENT SHOULD
NOT APPEASE AND THE PEOPLE SHOULD NOT TOLERATE ANYONE WHO
ABUSES FREEDOM BECAUSE SUCH AN ACT WOULD ADVERTENTLY AND
INADVERTENTLY HELP THE ENEMY."

-- IN RASH OF NEW YEAR EDITORIALS MULLING TAIWAN'S
PROSPECTS, LEADING PAPERS INCLUDING THE LARGEST-CIRCULATION
UNITED DAILY NEWS (380,000), INFLUENTIAL CHINA TIMES (350,000)
AND OFFICIAL CENTRAL DAILY NEWS PREDICTED MORE ADVERSITIES
AND DIFFICULTIES IN 1976. BUT THEY EXPRESSED OVERALL
CONFIDENCE AND RESOLUTION SELF-RELIANCE WILL HANDLE ALL
CHALLENGES AND RESULT IN AN EVEN MORE POTENT NATION,
POLITICALLY, MILITARILY AND ECONOMICALLY. UNITED DAILY NEWS
IN EDITORIAL ENTITLED "FIRST THING IN THE NEW YEAR IS TO
STRENGTHEN ROC-U.S. RELATIONSHIPS," WARNED AGAINST ANY
CHANGES OR BREAKTHROUGHS IN U.S.-PRC NORMALIZATION PROCESS,
WHICH WOULD IN TURN AFFECT ROC-U.S. RELATIONSHIPS, AS WELL
AS ROC TIMETABLE FOR MAINLAND RECOVERY. RECALLING NIXON'S
1972 CHINA VISIT, PAPER SAID SIMILAR SURPRISES ARE POSSIBLE
GIVEN THE NATURE OF THE CHANGING U.S. POLITICAL SCENE.
WHAT WE WANT, PAPER SAID, IS NOT U.S. GO TO WAR WITH THE
PRC, BUT RATHER U.S. REFRAIN FROM RECOGNIZING THEM
DIPLOMATICALLY. PAPER URGED STRONGER ROC RELATIONS WITH
INTERNATIONAL MONETARY FUND AND WORLD BANK, INCREASED
OPERATIONS BY ROC CONSULATES IN U.S., PROJECTS TO ATTRACT
MORE U.S. INVESTMENT AND INCREASING TRADE AND PERSONAL
EXCHANGES WITH U.S.

-- DISCUSSING U.S.-PRC RELATIONSHIPS, CHINA TIMES WASHINGTON
CORRESPONDENT JACK CHOW SAID THERE IS INEVITABILITY INVOLVED
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IN BOTH U.S. NORMALIZATION EFFORTS WITH PRC AND THE
MAINTAINING OF PRESENT U.S.-ROC RELATIONS. IF NORMAL-
IZATION WITH THE PRC HAS INDEED WON SOME SUPPORT AMONG
AMERICAN PEOPLE, URGE TO MAINTAIN U.S.-ROC RELATIONSHIPS
HAS WON EQUAL SUPPORT AMONG GREAT MAJORITY OF AMERICANS.
AND UNITED DAILY NEWS CARRIED COMMENTARY BY TU HENG-TSE
OF TAICHUNG'S TUNG HAI UNIVERSITY NOTING PRC NORMALIZATION
IS ADMITTED U.S. POLICY WHICH PRESIDENT FORD MUST FOLLOW

UNDER PRESENT CIRCUMSTANCES. HOWEVER, U.S.-PRC NORMALIZATION COULD ONLY BE "DE FACTO," NOT "DE JURE" AND THUS "DE JURE" U.S.-ROC RELATIONSHIPS CAN REMAIN UNCHANGED UNDER WELL-ESTABLISHED PRECEDENTS.

2. PROGRAM ACTIVITIES:

-- AN EXHIBIT OF LOW-PRICED BOOKS FOR BOTH ENGLISH LANGUAGE TEACHERS AND STUDENTS, SUGGESTED AND ORGANIZED BY USIS TAIPEI CULTURAL AFFAIRS ASSISTANT LAWRENCE HUNG, IS IN PROGRESS THIS WEEK IN TAIPEI. EXHIBIT, COMPOSED OF ENGLISH TEACHING FORUM, LADDER BOOKS, USIS HONG KONG BILINGUAL BOOKS, AND USIS TAIPEI-PRODUCED MATERIALS, WHICH OPENED AT USIS TAICHUNG LAST MONTHS, MOVED TO TAIPEI ON JANUARY 2 AND SO FAR APPROXIMATELY 3,000 PEOPLE HAVE BOUGHT ALMOST 2,000 BOOKS. VOA-PRODUCED "TALKS ON ENGLISH TEACHING," RECEIVED FROM RSC MANILA DURING WEEK, ADDED TO EXHIBIT IMMEDIATELY AND TOPPED ALL OTHER BOOKS FIRST DAY ON SALE WITH 160 COPIES SOLD.

TO SUPPORT EXHIBIT, LECTURE ON "ENGLISH TEACHING: APPROACH, METHOD AND TECHNIQUE," BY A PH.D.-HOLDER FROM TEXAS STATE UNIVERSITY, NATIONAL TAIWAN NORMAL UNIVERSITY PROFESSOR, DR. TANG TING-CHIH, WAS GIVEN IN THE LINCOLN CENTER DURING THE WEEK. AN OVERFLOW CROWD OF FOUR HUNDRED SARDINED THEMSELVES INTO 250-SEAT LINCOLN CENTER TO HEAR DOWN-TO-EARTH EXPLANATIONS OF HOW NEW THEORY CAN BE PUT TO USE BY THE ORDINARY TEACHER WHO LACKS PROFESSIONAL LINQUISTIC TRAINING.

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